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1. Michael Littman of Commerce S.A., Bienne, Switzerland, went to Madrid in early October 1951 to continue discussions with Baron Posch-Pastorl and other individuals regarding the purchase of metallic tungsten and other non-ferrous metals for the USSR and certain Soviet-dominated countries. Littman carried a blank credit valued at \$800,000 drawn on the Banque de Bruxelles and backed by the Chase National Bank of New York.
2. While in Madrid, Littman expected to meet Chiva Lehrer, a Rumanian living in Spain who also is active in east-west trade. Lehrer was in London recently but was expected to return to Spain shortly.
3. One Marcel Clinger (or Klinger), an associate of Lehrer, was to leave for Geneva in mid-October to open discussions with Richard Matthey, a partner of Posch-Pastor, regarding the purchase of 45,000 tons of Spanish pyrites for the Soviet bloc. Lehrer also may have attended the talks. Clinger reportedly has an office at Vogelsangstrasse 3, Zurich, but is not listed in the Zurich telephone directory.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Posch-Pastor controls a commodity brokerage agency in Geneva called Negocitas S.A. through which he deals with Soviet bloc nations.
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